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## Minutes 01/10/2011

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

#### Meeting Minutes

**Monday, January 10, 2011**

**7:15 p.m.**

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Ms. LaCourt, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, and Ms. Rowe.

Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Absent: Mr. Greeley.

#### FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
    - a. Minutes of Meetings: November 22, 2010, November 29, 2010, December 6, 2010, December 16, 2010
    - b. Reappointment: Board of Health  
Dr. Michael Fitzpatrick  
(term to expire 6/30/2013)
    - c. Reappointment: Constable  
Richard Boyle  
(term to expire 6/30/2013)
    - d. Reappointment: Park & Recreation Commission  
Donald Vitters  
(term to expire 6/30/2013)
- Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

#### LICENSES & PERMITS

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing

2. Request: All Alcohol Package Store License (in place of the Beer & Wine License)  
Shanny Beer & Wine, Inc. (Robert F. Thomas) d/b/a Shanny Beer & Wine  
John D. Leone, Esq.  
Robert Thomas, Owner  
Ms. Rowe moved approval subject to conditions set forth SO VOTED (4-0)

3. Verizon Petition No. D10-42/Cliff Street  
John Callahan  
(all abutters notified)

Mr. Callahan stated that the pole relocation was a request from Mr. Bean, Public Works Director, to make a clear path for the driveway at 50 Ashland Road (their driveway access is from Cliff Street).

Mary McGonagle, 33 Cliff Street, asked several questions relating to the pole move to the edge of her property line. All questions were answered by Mr. Callahan and both parties were going to look at and discuss the angle of the wires from her house to the pole. Mr. Chapdelaine agreed to facilitate agreement of the wire solution.

Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to agreement of wire angle. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd requested a report on double poles (how many, progress rate, time and action for the remainder) before the next petition. Mrs. Mahon asked for clarification on Verizon's accident/repair policy for poles. Ms. LaCourt asked

for definition of the word repair in their policy. Mr. Callahan stated he would forward the pole report, policy, and definition through the Selectmen's Office and Town Manager's Office.

#### APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointment: Redevelopment Board

Michael Cayer

Edwin Fields

(terms to expire 6/30/2013)

Ms. Rowe moved approval of both candidates to the Redevelopment Board.

SO VOTED (4-0)

Mr. Hurd announced that he took out nomination papers to run for Town Clerk and that he would be resigning as Selectmen by April 1, 2011 or sooner. Mr. Hurd will submit his resignation letter prior to the January 24, 2011 meeting and looks forward to this exciting opportunity. This will allow for someone else to run for the remainder of the term

(1- year) in April.

Mr. Hurd left the meeting at this time.

5. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

These matters were presented for consideration of the Board.

Mr. Radochia, 45 Columbia Road, presented a hand out on graffiti in Arlington. He'd like Arlington to have similar programs as Somerville, Cambridge, Medford, and Brookline. The Town Manager's Office was going to research and come back with suggestions. Mr. Radochia will return to a meeting in late February/early March. Ms. Rowe said she'll contact the Arts Council for a program to help decorate utility boxes etc.

#### TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

This item was taken out of order at the beginning of the meeting.

6. Proposed Recommendations: Bishop School Parking

Officer Corey P. Rateau, Traffic and Parking Unit

Officer Rateau recommended that the school side section of Columbia Road, from the school's entrance to Crosby Street, be designated a "No Parking Anytime" zone.

Ms. Rowe moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-0)

7. Presentation: Town Communications

Joan Roman, Public Information Officer

Ms. Roman presented material of recent activities, accomplishments, challenges, and future objectives of the Town's communication and customer service initiatives. To meet the growing demands of more real-time and in-depth information from the public, energies are focused on the following core communication channels that allow residents to 'get connected' and 'stay connected' to Town. For residents to "get connected" at any time, there's the Town's website: which includes a variety of information about operations/activities, and our customer service center, the Request/Answer Center with a focus on the "Answer" side. A major feature of the service is the ability for residents to easily search an extensive database before asking someone at Town Hall a question. If they cannot find the answer, their question is forwarded to staff for an answer.

Town of Arlington Notices is emails from the Town that deliver information on general Town activities, and in emergency situations. Reverse 911 is a system that allows the Town to call residents in the event of an emergency or for an important notification: there is no single source of phone numbers so we continue our outreach efforts to build the most complete database.

The Town is seeing growing demands to have information provided more conveniently, quicker, and in greater volume, whether online, email, Reverse911, or some other method. Ms. Roman invites everyone watching to "get connected" and "stay connected" to Town Hall, at arlingtonma.gov.

Ms. LaCourt moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (3-0)

8. Discussion: Cardboard Recycling

Gordon Jamieson, Arlington Recycling Committee

Mr. Jamieson reported on the success of cardboard recycling at the DPW bin on Grove Street. Mr. Howard stated that the program will be stopped as part of the deficit cuts. He asked that it remain even though it doesn't pay for

itself. Mr. Chapdelaine responded that it was part of the Public Works Department's FY11 reductions. He also pointed out that it is not a service cut because cardboard is recycled/picked up curbside.

#### 9. Discussion: Re-Precincting

Brian Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine explained that the Town was sent state notification that the Town must undertake re-precincting based upon the latest census report. He said no action was needed but to establish a committee and have them report back with the findings would be useful. Ms. Rowe offered to be on the committee and thought that the Board Administrator, Town Moderator, a Fincom member, and the Town Manager should also be on the committee. Ms. Mahon asked that the Town Manager's office and Town Counsel outline the services of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and relevant laws governing re-precincting to report back on January 24th meeting. Also a summary of changes from the old to the new is requested for the January 24th meeting. After more discussion the Board unanimously voted to designate Ms. Rowe as a committee member and to have this topic as an agenda item on January 24th.

#### Correspondence Received

Susan Bernhard 30 Eustis Street	Off-Leash Dog Hours	Be Rec'd
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Bob Sprague yourarlington.com	Overnight Parking Restrictions Polls	Be Rec'd
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John D. Leone President, ACMI	ACMI - Annual Audit and Report	Be Rec'd
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Ms. Rowe moved receipt of correspondence received.	SO VOTED (3-0)
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#### NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Rowe reported that there is a group working to fix up the little chapel in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery to use as possible rental.

Ms. LaCourt announced the Audit Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.  
Ms. LaCourt reported that there would be a feasibility study done at Stratton School regarding energy savings.  
Ms. LaCourt announced she was going to run for the 1-year term left from Mr. Hurd's resignation.

Mrs. Mahon announced she took out nomination papers to run for Selectmen for another 3-year term. She also mentioned that Dan Dunn and Maria Romano took out papers to run.  
Mrs. Mahon thanked Ms. Rowe for her quick action on the Silver Maple letter sent to the Governor for action by this Friday.

Ms. Rowe moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.	SO VOTED (3-0)
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A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan  
Selectmen's Office

Next meeting of BoS January 24, 2011.